Anti-Slavery Office,
New York, 16 Jan., 1858.

My Dear Garrison,

6 A message from you through Mr. Quincy reminds me that I did not answer yours of Dec. 28th, informing me of the final action of the Executive Committee in regard to the termination of my connection with the Standard. I am sorry indeed if my failure to reply to your very kind and generous letter has left you in any doubt as to my feelings toward either the Committee or yourself, in view of all that has passed between us. Having already accepted, in good faith, the explanations of

the first action of the Committee presented by yourself and others, it seemed to me that no further communication of my sentiments was needed; and Mr. Gary, on being interrogated, took the same view of the case. Since receiving your reminder through Mr. Quincy, however, I have read your letter again, and now see that you naturally looked for a reply. Regretting the delay, I beg to assure you that there is not in my mind any trace of unkind feeling toward the Committee or any of its members. The wounds made by the first act of the Committee, respecting which I

expressed my feelings very frankly, has been entirely healed by the explanations which so promptly followed it, and by the resolution of which you sent me a copy. I cannot doubt the entire sincerity of those with whom I have so long and so harmoniously labored, and who have given me so many proofs of their fidelity to the cause and their generous appreciation of those who serve it. I have no doubt, nor even the shadow of a doubt, that their action in my case was dictated solely by their sense of duty to the cause in view of the sudden embarrassment of the Society's treasury, and that its apparent harshness toward me was only apparent — the result of an

oversight which it would be most
ungenerous in me not to forgive and
forget. I beg you to assure the Com-
mittee, individually and collectively,
that my regard for them and my
confidence in them is not abated in
the least; and it is my earnest hope
that no shadow may ever fall be-
tween them and me. In whatever
situation I may be hereafter placed,
it will be my pleasure and my
pride to coöperate with the Amer-
ican Anti-Slavery Society and its
friends as I have done heretofore,
with no abatement of zeal for the
cause or of friendship for those who
have so long and so faithfully served
it.

Whether the resignation of Mr.
Gay will lead to any change in